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SUBJECT: ECE - 32ND SESSION: MALTESE DRAFT DECISION ON
ECONOMIC COOPERATION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

REF: (A) STATE 95560, (B) STATE 93357, (C) GENEVA 3080

1. EC-9 HAS ACCEPTED DRAFT PARA 7 PROPOSED REFTEL WITH
SLIGHT AMENDMENT SO THAT PARA WOULD READ AS FOLLOWS:
"AGREES THAT, IN CARRYING OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS
DECISION, AND IN THE EXERCISE OF THE COMMISSION'S PREROGATIVES
UNDER PARAGRAPH 11 OF THE TERMS OF REFERENCE, ALL MEDITERRANEAN
STATES NOT MEMBERS OF THE ECE SHALL BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE
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ON AN EQUAL BASIS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THAT PARAGRAPH OF THE
TERMS OF REFERENCE."

2. PURPOSE OF AMENDMENTS AR (1) TO SUBSTITUTE FOR "RULES
OF PROCEDURE" TERM "TERMS OF REFERENCE" WHICH IS CORRECT
LEGAL NAME FOR THAT SECTION OF DOCUMENT, FULL TITLE OF WHICH
IS "TERMS OF REFERENCE AND RULES OF PROCEDURE," AND (2) TO MAKE

CLEAR THAT NON-MEMBER STATES MAY PARTICIPATE IN ECE ACTIVITIES ON CONSULTATIVE BASIS ONLY, AS PROVIDED IN PARA 11 OF TERMS OF REFERENCE, WITH NO IMPLICATION THAT THEY MIGHT PARTICIPATE ON SAME BASIS AS MEMBERS.

3. MALTESE CONTINUE TO HAVE TROUBLE WITH PARA 4 LANGUAGE PROPOSED BY DEPARTMENT (REF B) ON BASIS THAT IT APPEARS TO PLACE ISRAEL ON SAME BASIS AS REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS (AS NOTED REF C BUT NOT ADDRESSED BY DEPT IN REF B). USDEL HAS THEREFORE PROPOSED TO MALTESE DEL POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE LANGUAGE WHICH WOULD READ: "AS WELL AS WITH ALL NON-ECE MEMBER STATES BORDERING ON THE MEDITERRANEAN," AS SUGGESTED TO US BY YUGOSLAVS. MALTESE DEL HAS STATED THAT HE WILL CONSULT AND ADVISE USDEL OF LANGUAGE ACCEPTABLE BY 1430 HOURS GENEVA TIME.

4. USDEL BELIEVES THAT PROPOSED AMENDMENTS DO NOT IN ANY WAY IMPAIR PURPOSE OF AMENDMENTS AS PROPOSED BY DEPARTMENT. UNLESS ADVISED TO CONTRARY BY TELEPHONE BY 1700 HOURS GENEVA TIME, USDEL WILL INFORM WESTERN CAUCUS THAT IT CAN ACCEPT MALTESE DRAFT WITH AMENDMENTS MENTIONED ABOVE AS WELL AS OTHERS PROPOSED BY DEPARTMENT.

5. USDEL WISHES TO POINT OUT THAT RIGHT OF ALL UN MEMBER STATES TO PARTICIPATE IN ECE ACTIVITIES OF INTEREST TO THEM UNDER ARTICLE 11 OF TERMS OF REFERENCE HAS NEVER BEEN QUESTIONED. ISRAELIS HAVE IN FACT PARTICIPATED FREELY AND ACTIVELY IN ECE ACTIVITIES OF INTEREST TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THEM. WHEN SOVIETS BARRED ISRAELI PARTICIPATION IN BUILDING AND PLANNING COMMITTEE STUDY TOUR IN USSR IN SEPTEMBER 1976, STUDY TOUR WAS CANCELLED AS ECE ACTIVITY BY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY AND WESTERN PARTICIPANTS WITHDREW. EVEN THEN, SOVIETS GAVE SPACE PROBLEM AS EXCUSE AND DID NOT QUESTION RIGHT OF ISRAELIS TO PARTICIPATE ON OTHER GROUNDS.

6. USDEL NOTES ALSO THAT ECE OPERATES FULLY ON BASIS OF CONSENSUS. IF US IS NOT ABLE TO ACCEPT DRAFT DECISION MEDITERRANEAN, THEN IT IS VIRTUALLY CERTAIN THAT NO SUCH DECISION WILL BE ADOPTED AT 32ND SESSION. AT 31ST SESSION, MALTESE DELEGATION BLOCKED ADOPTION OF ALL OTHER RESOLUTIONS UNTIL AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON MEDITERRANEAN DECISION. MALTESE DEL ANNOUNCED TO WESTERN CAUCUS THIS MORNING THAT HIS DELEGATION WOULD FOLLOW SAME COURSE AT THIS SESSION. US CONSEQUENTLY WOULD BEAR ONUS FOR BLOCKING ALL RPT ALL RESOLUTIONS AT ECE 32ND SESSION OWING TO USDEL'S LACK OF FLEXIBILITY

TO AGREE TO LANGUAGE IN MEDITERRANEAN DRAFT WHICH IS
ACCEPTABLE TO ALL OTHER DELEGATIONS AND DOES NOT IMPAIR
THE PURPOSES OF US OVERALL POLICY. SORENSON.
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